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or on those soils where the proper cultivation was neglected, appear bad and indifferent. Barley and oats are very flourishing, and the grass seeds recently sown come up well. Peas and beans grow fast; and the peas to be eaten green are nearly ready for the London markets. The writer of this has a pleasure in observing, that the grain and pulse of every kind at this time of the year never looked better or more promising than they do now; and the spring has been particularly favourable to the corn which has been top-dressed, now so generally the custom, and which is done at a considerable expence.

The winter tares, rye, and clovers sown for early summer soiling, will be strong heavy crops, and on some kindly soils have been already mown. Feeding sheep, ewes, and lambs have also been for some time in the clovers. Dairy and feeding stock have likewise been long since in the pastures, which are flourishing, and the meadows in a state of great forwardness. In some few situations near the metropolis the hay harvest has already commenced. The present good condition of the pastures promising a plenty of keep, has occasioned a considerable advance in the prices of milch cows, feeding stock for the grazier, store sheep and couples, which have been brought in great numbers to the late fairs and markets, where but little business has been done in the pig line, excepting in small stores for the dairy.

PRICE OF GRAIN.

ENGLAND AND WALES.				SCOTLAND.			
		s.	d.			s.	d.
Wheat	- - - -	72	11	- - - -	- - - -	61	1
Rye	- - - -	50	7	- - - -	- - - -	51	2
Barley	- - - -	41	4	- - - -	- - - -	40	3
Oats	- - - -	33	0	- - - -	- - - -	33	7
Beans	- - - -	57	6	- - - -	- - - -	61	3
Peas	- - - -	66	5	- - - -	- - - -	63	5
Oatmeal	- - - -	45	3	- - - -	- - - -	28	3
Bigg	- - - -	-	-	- - - -	- - - -	32	1

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The letter concerning the pronunciation of the learned languages, in reply to T. F. does not appear to us to have elucidated the principal subject of his enquiry.

We have received a paper concerning Capital Punishments, the benevolent purpose of which would render us desirous to insert it; but the topic has so frequently been brought before the public, that unless either new facts, or new reasonings, were offered, we apprehend that no good end could be answered by placing it once more in the view of our readers.

We beg leave to remind our correspondents that we cannot insure the insertion of any articles of Literary Intelligence which are not sent to the publishers by the twentieth day of the month. Obituaries of deceased persons, containing animadversions on living characters, particularly when unauthenticated by the name of the person transmitting them, can have no place in the *Athenæum*.

The following pieces are left for return at Messrs. Longman's and Co.

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